

PATENT

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Hiraku KAWASAKI :  
Serial No.: New – (National Phase of :  
PCT/JP2004/014633) :  
Filed: Herewith :  
For: PLATE MATERIAL AND :  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF :  
(As Amended) :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page two (2) of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page three (3) of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** are in the substitute specification filed with this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page five (5) of this paper. Claims 1-26 are pending, with claims 1 and 14 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page eleven (11) of this paper.